

## Message Text

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ACTION ARA-14

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PBOR, PINT, PN  
SUBJECT: TORRIJOS' AIDE ON TREATY AMENDMENTS

REFS: A. FBIS PA 020112Y B. PANAMA 0609

ROMULO ESCOBAR BETHANCOURT ADVISER TO GENERAL TORRIJOS,  
AND FORMER CHIEF TREATY NEGOTIATOR, TOLD RPC TELEVISION  
FEBRUARY 1 (TO QUOTE THE NEWS REPORT) THAT "THE  
DETAILED READKOWN OF THE (OCTOBER 14) MEMORANDUM OF  
UNDERSTANDING, KNOWN IN THE UNITED STATES AS AN AMEND-  
MENT, HAS THUS FAR BEEN NOTHING BUT A RECOMMENDATION  
FROM THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO THE  
FULL SENATE." THE REPORT GOES ON:

BEGIN QUOTE: IN EXPLAINING THE POSITION OF THE SENATE  
COMMITTEE, ESCOBAR SAID THAT AS FAR AS PANAMA IS  
CONCERNED, THIS DOES NOT INVOLVE AN AMENDMENT BUT THE  
ADVISABILITY OF ADDING TO IT THE TEXTUAL PART OF EACH  
ARTICLE OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. ESCOBAR  
EMPHASIZED THAT THE INCLUSION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF  
UNDERSTANDING DOES NOT MODIFY OR AMEND THE TREATIES  
AND THAT THIS MEMORANDUM WAS AGREED TO BY GENERAL  
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TORRIJOS. IT WAS EXPALINED AND DEFINED TO THE  
PANAMAIAAN PEOPLE BEFORE THE NATIONAL PLEBISCITE FOR  
APPROVAL OF THE TORRIJOS-CARTER TREATIES WAS HELD.  
END QUOTE.  
JORDEN

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